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Update on Community Impact Case Related to EPD Response to May Demonstrations

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Vicki Cox, Senior Program Coordinator July 1, 2020 – The investigation into EPD's response to demonstrations at the end of May has been designated as a community impact case. The investigation has been assigned to several internal investigators at EPD, with oversight by our office. Our office is participating in the investigations to ensure the investigations are thorough, fair, and complete. We will bring transparency and accountability to these investigations to the fullest extent permitted under Oregon state law.

We are grateful to the community for being so active and involved in this process, and we encourage the community to continue filing complaints where they see concerns with EPD, and to continue participating in the civilian oversight process. Eugene is fortunate to have a robust civilian oversight system, including our office to investigate complaints, the Civilian Review Board's oversight of our office, and the Police Commission's input into EPD policies. We are confident in the ability of our oversight systems to help our community through these difficult times, to a better and more equitable future.

We want to thank EPD for providing clear and unrestricted access to investigative materials, and for their support in assigning more personnel to this investigation.

We continue to take complaints related to this and other matters. If you have complaint related to a specific incident, especially if you directly witnessed something that concerned you, please contact our office via email, phone, or social media. Our office is still closed to walk-in traffic due to the COVID crisis, but we will continue to take complaints by phone, our website, email, and/or social media. If you have video that you think may be useful, please include a link to it.

Thank you for your assistance in these important matters.